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Paragraph at page 30, lines 20-25.

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In a hypothetical example of peak load, a virtual meter of the present invention can be compared to real meters. In this example, the combined total energy usage recorded by four meters A, B, C and D was 95 kW. However, Meter A reached its peak at 4:00 p.m. on the third day of the month, Meter B's peak occurred at 10:00 a.m. on the 12<sup>th</sup>, Meter C recorded its highest usage at noon on the 16<sup>th</sup> and Meter D recorded its peak at 6:00 p.m. on the 29<sup>th</sup>. Despite the fact that none of these peaks occurred at the same time, or even on the same day, the customer was charged for the combined total of the four.

### REMARKS

Claims 1-112 are currently pending in the application. Prior to initial examination, the specification is amended to delete reference to Figure 8. Attached hereto is a marked-up copy of the specification. No new matter is added. Initial examination on the merits is now requested. Charge any deficiencies and credit any overpayment of fees to Deposit Account No. 23-1951.

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